

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

#### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 31 January 2008 has been entered.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David Hall (Reg. No. 32,233) on 3 April 2008.
4. Examiner requests entry of the 5 page amendment ("Proposed Preliminary Amdt. dated April 3, 2008") transmitted by Mr. Hall via facsimile on 3 April 2008. The claims presented on pages 2-4 of said amendment are presently in condition for allowance, and should replace all previous versions of the claims.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 67-71 and 78-82 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claim 67, in addition to the remarks stated by Applicant on 31 January 2008 with respect to Chan failing to teach a value in a register indicating four modes, Chan fails to teach the write operation set forth by Applicant when the mode register indicates a fourth mode. Base claim 78 is allowable for containing similar limitations as presently recited in claim 67.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CRAIG E. WALTER whose telephone number is (571)272-8154. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30a - 5:00p M-F.

9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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